



# Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA)

## *BRINGING OPPORTUNITY HOME*

- The Housing Authority of the City of Austin provides tenant based rental assistance to over 600 previously homeless individuals and families each month.
- Annually, HACA provides over \$4 million in rental assistance to previously homeless individuals.
- All housing opportunities follow the same service model - the Housing Authority partners with a homeless service provider or Agency that provides referrals, case management, and housing search assistance. HACA currently partners with over 10 different agencies.



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## *Housing Choice Vouchers that assist previously homeless or those at risk of homelessness*

- ***HUD-VASH (Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing) Vouchers*** (355 monthly)  
HUD-VASH is a partnership between HACA and the Austin VA Outpatient Clinic. The program provides Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance for homeless veterans, with case management and clinical services provided by the Austin VA Outpatient clinics.
- ***Non-Elderly Disabled Vouchers (NED)***(36 monthly)  
NED is a partnership between HACA and the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) and their partner Area Resource Center for Independent Living (ARCIL). The program provides HCV rental assistance for individuals or heads of households that are disabled, under age 62 and transitioning from a nursing home back into the community.
- ***Family Unification Program Vouchers (FUP)***(85 monthly)  
FUP is a partnership between HACA and the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) and Lifeworks. The program provides HCV rental assistance to two distinct groups. Through DFPS we receive referrals for families where a lack of adequate housing either a) prohibits children from being re-united with their families, or b) is the cause for the DFPS to initiate the removal of children from their families. These are permanent vouchers. Through Lifeworks we receive referrals for youths who aged out of foster care, ages 18-21. These vouchers are temporary 18 month vouchers.



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## *Grants and Partnerships that serve the homeless*

- ***Moderate Rehab Single Room Occupancy (SRO)*** (50 monthly)  
SRO is a partnership between HACA and Foundation Communities. The program provides HCV rental assistance to homeless individuals in a single room occupancy setting.
- ***Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)*** (65 monthly and 115 – annually)  
TBRA is a partnership between HACA, the City of Austin and the Passages collaborative led by the Salvation Army. The program provides temporary HCV rental assistance for 12 months. Supportive services are provided by the case management teams in the Passages collaborative. The Passages Collaboration includes the Salvation Army, Caritas, SafePlace, Foundation for the Homeless, Lifeworks and Foundation Communities.
- ***Shelter Plus Care (SPC)*** (95 monthly)  
HACA administers three SPC grants, partnering with Austin Travis County Integral Care (ATCIC), AIDS Services of Austin (ASA) and Foundation Communities. The grants provide HCV rental assistance for individuals and families when the head of household is disabled. Supportive services are provided by the partner agencies to help the families meet their needs.



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## ***NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO HOUSE THE HOMELESS***

### ***LOCAL PREFERENCE FOR THE HOMELESS***

The Housing Authority developed a local preference to annually assist up to 100 previously homeless individuals. Applicants need to be referred by a coalition of homeless service providers (ECHO). The homeless service providers are committed to providing referrals, case management and housing search assistance.

#### ***1115 Medicaid Waiver Permanent Supportive Housing Assertive Community Treatment Service Program***

- In partnership with the City of Austin and Austin Travis County Integral Care. Twelve to twenty-four months of rental assistance is provided along with security deposits for rent and utilities. Funds are received from the City's general funds. Individuals referred are chronically homeless, with co-occurring psychiatric, substance abuse, and chronic medical conditions.
- After receiving 12-24 months of rental assistance and intensive case management, individuals will transition to the Housing Choice Voucher program. A local preference was established in the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan to allow for this transition.